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Improving the competencies of NGO educators for social inclusion

Experience exchange seminar of NGO educators on competencies for social inclusion –
workshops' summary

Date: 22-26/08/2022

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

Leading Organisation: EAPN-Latvia

AGENDA

August 22

Arrival of participants from the Riga Airport by **bus # 22** to the stop „National Library”
<https://goo.gl/maps/1BRxdkEAH2v3FNAb8> (1.15 euro, tickets at the airport stop from machine).

By **tram # 1, or 2, or 5** from the stop „National Library” to the Bellevue Park Hotel Riga – the
stop „Alexandra Grina boulevard” <https://goo.gl/maps/W5Af3ap2NF4ST6w29> (1.15 euro).

It is possible to use **the taxi** (green or red/white!!! – apr. 20.00 euros).

August 23

At 09:09 - **tram # 1** from the Hotel to the National Library (at 09:00 a ticket for 5 trips provided
by EAPN-Latvia, responsible **Ilgā Liepina**) <https://goo.gl/maps/NmVso4qDwDWpDRyy5>

09:30 – 13:00 National Library of Latvia (the Castle of Light):

Participant registration. Responsible **Laila Balga**, EAPN-Latvia, Chairperson of the Board

Opening of the Seminar. Moderator **Gunta Kelle**, IMKA-Latvia, President

Participants' PowerPoint presentations (max. 15 min for each):

- **Evija Kula**, Deputy director of Social Policy Planning and Development Department of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
- **Elina Alere-Fogele**, EAPN-Latvia, NGO Expert
- Representatives of **Estonia, Sweden, Italy** and **Greece**.

Questions and Discussion.

12:20 - 12:50 Tour of the Library. Responsible **Inga Vovcenko**, Director of the Reading Room of Humanities and Social Sciences.

13:20 - 14:00 Lunch at the Riga Islande Hotel. At 13:00 go **by minibus** from the National Library.

14:00 - 15:00 Visiting a unique museum - Žanis Lipke memorial (to walk or by minibus)
<https://goo.gl/maps/MGuXUbpQJJgHD8XN9>

15:30 - 17:00 Visiting the Riga NGO House. Responsible **Gunta Kelle** and **Dzintars Koks**. At 15:00 travel by minibus to „NVO nams”. <https://goo.gl/maps/yjDDgG83srB72LE89>

17:00 Return by minibus to the Hotel.

19:30 Dinner at the restoran „Andaluzijas Suns” (Dog of Andalusia).

Address: Elizabetes street 83. At 19:01 by **tram # 1** from the Hotel to the stop „Merkela street” (at 19:14 waiting of responsible **Elina Alere-Fogele**) <https://goo.gl/maps/dLUZBjTvBd6sooP19>

21:30 Walk to Old Riga. Going to the Hotel by **tram # 1**. Responsible **Aigars Sveicers**.

August 24

08:30 - 10:30 Travel **by minibus** from the Hotel to Sigulda city (56 km)
<https://goo.gl/maps/EK4QzFvWn6wpdZJE8>

10:30 - 17:30 Event program of the association for people with disabilities „Aicinājums Tev” (Call to You), coffee table; address: Atis Kronvalds street 4, Sigulda:

11:00 - presentations of social inclusion activities in Sigulda county (**Marite Rozentale**, Chairperson of the Board, and **Diana Jasinska**, NGO expert, interpreter Inese Draudina)

- the **Estonian, Italian, Greek and Swedish experts** introduce themselves briefly (5 min. for each). Discussion with meeting participants.

12:30 - Visiting the international Bobsleigh, Luge and Skeleton Track, address: Sveices street 13, Sigulda <https://goo.gl/maps/WmhULv1Si6U1rqZBA> Visit price: adult - 3.00 euros, pensioners - 0.60 euro. Responsible **Inese Draudina**.

13:30 - Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel „Sigulda”, address: Pils street 6, Sigulda.

14:30 - Visiting the The New Castle of Sigulda and Castle Quarter, the home crafts workshops. Address: Pils street 16, Sigulda <https://goo.gl/maps/4hzDatfnZaoDcsvT7> Entrance to the castle premises and the viewing tower (at the participant's choice) – price: adult - 4.50 euros, students and pensioners – 2.50 euros. Responsibilities **Marite Rozentale** and **Inese Draudina**.

16:00 - Visiting a unique natural phenomenon – Gutman’s Cave in Sigulda
<https://goo.gl/maps/VQbH6aKuwbGwhqTDA> Responsible **Inese Draudina**.

17:00 Afternoon snack at the traveler restaurant „Tourist” in Turaida, Sigulda county.

17:30 - 19:30 Return by minibus to the Hotel in Riga. Free evening.

August 25

09:15 Trip **by minibus** from the Hotel to Kundzinsala (10 km to the island in Riga)

<https://goo.gl/maps/AtmXdcUrE4mYoh647>

10:00 - 12:30 Visiting the People's Aid Fund and the Art, Education and Technology Center in Kundzinsala, coffee table:

Brief introduction, discussion with the local residents and teachers of the Riga 28th secondary school. Responsible **Dzintra Ziemele**, interpreter Gunta Kelle.

A short tour and story about the Kundzinsala area, the establishment of the Art, Education and Technology Center and programs for the inclusion of various social groups and generations. Manager **Arnolds Ziemelis**.

Working together, creating your own souvenir and creating a joint stained-glass window - "Transparency, clarity and positive cooperation towards a result". Managers **Inga Jaunzeme** and **Arnolds Ziemelis**.

12:00 Lunch at the Center.

Responsible **Dzintra Ziemele**, Chairperson of the People's Aid Fund.

At 12:30 travel 9 km by minibus from Kundzinsala to Maskavas forstate (a poorly developed part of the city of Riga).

13:00 - 14:30 Visiting the St. Luke's Support Society. Support for ex-prisoners and their family members – resocialization. Chairman of the Board **Martins Kruklis**.

Address: Barddzinu street 2. Responsible **Margarita Sveckova**, interpreter Gunta Kelle.

<https://goo.gl/maps/FUJ57pc2omuzBRf3A>

14:30 Departure of the participants from Estonia and Sweden to Riga Airport by tram # 7 and bus # 22 or by taxi.

At 14:30 travel 5 km by minibus from Maskavas forstate to the Public House of Riga Municipality. Address: Aleksandra Caka street 139 <https://goo.gl/maps/G2r1kM9bkZANzXVd9>

15:00 - 16:30 Visiting the Riga Active Seniors Alliance (RASA) Center, coffee table. Chairperson of the Board **Terezija Mackare**:

- presentation of seniors' social inclusion activities in Latvia.

Responsible **Raja Eriksone**, interpreter Alise Leuse.

16:30 – 16:50 Closing of the EAPN-Latvia seminar at the RASA. Responsible **Laila Balga**.

16:58 Going by **tram # 1** from the stop „Pernavas street” to the Hotel.

<https://goo.gl/maps/KbCcBDFN6QGPFekg9> Responsible **Aigars Sveicers**.

19:30 - 21:00 Dinner in Old Riga. Cafe „Double Caffee”, address: Valnu street 11. 19:14 travel by **tram # 5** from the Hotel to the stop „National Opera”, (at 19:25 waiting of responsible **Elina Alere-Fogele** <https://goo.gl/maps/qMwoxfP4AXKpiRyd8>

21:00 Free evening. Going to the Hotel by tram # 1, or 2, or 5. Responsible **Aigars Sveicers**.

August 26

Departure of the participants of Italy and Greece. Travel by **bus # 22** from the Hotel to the Riga Airport. <https://goo.gl/maps/UnQyuKbSGEkGcPEr7>

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